

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A multi-purpose mat has open and folded configurations. The  
mat includes a base and a plurality of sidewalls disposed about a periphery of  
the base. A first resilient flexible slat is disposed within one of the sidewalls  
and a second resilient flexible slat is disposed within the remaining sidewalls.  
The slats provide means for reinforcing the sidewalls and also provide a spring-  
like effect that allows the mat to automatically rollout into the open  
configuration from the folded configuration. The sidewalls fold about the  
10 periphery of the base; the sidewalls moving from a position generally adjacent  
to the base to a position generally perpendicular to and extending generally  
upwardly from the base when the mat is moved from the folded configuration to  
the open configuration.